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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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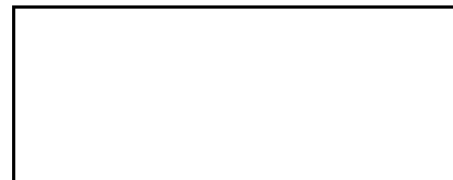
Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT: Community Practices on SCI Access

1. Attached for your signature is a proposed memorandum to the DCI providing him with the results of the Security Committee's check of the Intelligence Community regarding adherence to DCID 1/14 clearance standards.

2. In regard to paragraph 3 of the attached memorandum, we have formed a Security Committee Working Group to pursue this problem. If NSA polygraphs a prospective employee and turns the person down, the results are destroyed. DOD has a rule that files on non-hires are destroyed after one year. These plus other problems require further study to develop a central index on denials.

3. Recommend you sign the attached memorandum to the DCI.



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Attachment:
Memo to DCI

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22 SEP 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John N. McMahon
Acting Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Community Practices on SCI Access

REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum, dated 5 July 1977, Subject: Director
of Central Intelligence Sensitive Compartmented
Information Security Policy

1. Action Requested: None. For information only.
2. Background: Referenced memorandum directed me to task the DCI Security Committee to determine Community adherence to and views on DCID 1/14, "Minimum Personnel Security Standards and Procedures Governing Eligibility for Access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI)," in three areas:
 - a. To what extent are the standards of DCID 1/14 being met? All Community agencies except State report they meet (or exceed) DCID 1/14 requirements for initial investigations. State only covers seven years in such investigations, while the DCID requires 15 years' coverage. State otherwise appears to satisfy DCID requirements for types of coverage. Community compliance with the DCID's requirement for reinvestigations at five-year intervals is generally good. CIA reports their reinvestigations are on an 11.7 year cycle, a level which they advise will drop as resources are now being reprogrammed to work towards compliance with the DCID. FBI does not do reinvestigations as such; they rely on close supervisory controls to ensure continuing personnel reliability. State reports generally close compliance with reinvestigative requirements; they are making changes to ensure full compliance.
 - b. Are DCID 1/14 standards high enough to ensure comparability of SCI screening among Community agencies? All agencies are in essential agreement that they are, but several suggest study looking towards possible revision. The DCI Security Committee has

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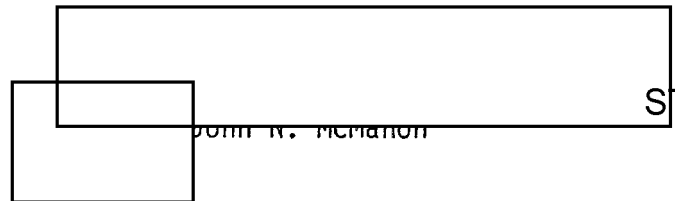
under way a detailed study of the effectiveness and utility of various elements of the investigative process.

This study will be complete before the end of the year

c. Should DCID 1/14 standards be revised upward? No Community agencies recommended such. The results of the ongoing study noted under "b" above will serve as the basis for conclusions as to how we can better assure ourselves of the initial and continuing trustworthiness of persons needing SCI access.

3. Referenced memorandum also asked for development of a Community mechanism compatible with legal requirements to exchange adverse information bearing on denials of SCI access. It appears that some sort of centralized index to such information would be legally permissible, but tentative conclusions are that the derogatory information involved would have to be retained by the agency which developed it and purged in accordance with rules applicable to such agency. This issue continues to be explored. You will be advised of progress made.

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